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UNLOADING OF LONG DISTANCE FREIGHT TRAINS LAGS

The Minister of Communications and Post has issued Decree No 7829/D/2 - 2/1951 KPM to accelerate unloading of railroad freight consignments.

According to the decree, quotas for freight traffic were raised in the modified Five-Year Plan: the Hungarian State Railroads in 1954 must haul 9,224,000,000 ton-kilometers of freight instead of the originally contemplated 5,880,000,000. The 1954 quota is almost triple that of 1938. This task cannot be carried out without planned, rapid, and economical traffic; therefore, it is imperative to speed up the unloading of long-distance freight trains. Unloading of freight consignments, as a whole, is still lagging.

According to the decree, it is the duty of the station of departure to notify by telephone or telegraph, well in advance, the station of destination of departing long-distance freight trains. It is the duty of the station of destination to contact the consignees and determine with their participation the method of unloading. It is the duty of the consignees to procure ample space for loading, the necessary labor, and, in case of night work, to have the place of loading illuminated.

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